



## **PTA Membership and Direct Donation** **Join the PTA and help build a strong Santa Rita Community!**

**What is the Santa Rita PTA?** The PTA is a parent-teacher organization that provides volunteer and financial support for programs to extend the curriculum provided by the Los Altos School District. We greatly value the participation of all Santa Rita families in the PTA leadership, planning committees and general membership.

### **Our goals for 2011-2012 include:**

- **Continue to support the school district's goals** by focusing on academic support (educational programs, materials, supplies and copies)
- **Enhance Santa Rita community events** (Total community participation in Bobcat Chase, increase attendance of Auction events and parties, introduce new family committee, launch Project Cornerstone program, and promote the "Six Pillars of Character")
- **Improve use of technology for communication** (Utilize on-line tools for classroom to home, PTA and LASD communications)
- **Enhance use of technology for education** (Integrate technology into classroom, encourage new ways of teaching and continue teacher technology training)

**Why join the PTA?** When you join the PTA you become a part of the network of parents and teachers who are working to enhance all of our children's educational experiences at Santa Rita. All parents are encouraged to join – this year our goal is to have 95% membership participation! Your family's first membership entitles you to a free Santa Rita Directory, a bound, paper directory of contact information for the Santa Rita community. These are great perks, but the real value of being a Santa Rita PTA member is being part of a strong state and national organization to help children thrive and learn.

**What does a PTA membership cost?** Annual PTA memberships cost \$15 per person. Families can purchase additional memberships and/or directories for an additional \$15 each. Complimentary memberships are available upon request. If you need a complimentary membership, please inquire at the Santa Rita School office.

**What are the PTA financial goals for 2011-2012?** The PTA needs to raise a total of about \$233,000 this year, from various fundraisers. Over 75% of funds raised go directly to class room support.

- **Raise \$77,000 in direct and indirect donations to the PTA and have 100% participation from all of our families at Santa Rita**
  - We kindly ask families to give \$250 per child or as much as you are able.
- **Raise \$150,000 in revenues from community events and programs, including the Bobcat Chase, Witches' Delight Carnival and Auction, and Spell-a-thon.**
  - Please make plans to participate in all of our community events.

**What if I want to write a single check for all of the fundraisers?** We often have the request can I just write one check? It would be approximately, \$450 per child, for our three major fundraisers: Direct Donation, Witches Delight Carnival and Auction, and Spell-a-thon.

Please complete this form and return it to the office with a check for the appropriate amount made out to Santa Rita PTA. (Or pay online at [http://www.santaritaschool.org/pta/pta\\_index.html](http://www.santaritaschool.org/pta/pta_index.html))

Complimentary memberships are available upon request. If you need a complimentary membership, enter "Comp" in the payment column.

1 <sup>st</sup> Member@\$15.00	Name:	\$
2 <sup>nd</sup> Member@\$15.00	Name:	\$
Extra Directories	# _____ x \$15 per extra directory	\$
<b>Total for PTA Membership</b>		
<b>Direct Donation</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> \$25 <input type="checkbox"/> \$50 <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 <input type="checkbox"/> \$500 <input type="checkbox"/> \$1000 <input type="checkbox"/> Other \$	
	<b>Total for Direct Donation</b>	\$
<b>Total Donation to PTA</b>		\$

Your direct donation is tax deductible (Fed ID# **94-6174402**). Please check with your employer for donation matching programs - Thank you for supporting Santa Rita PTA.